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SHREVEPORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DONATE TIME CAPSULE TO THE LOUISIANA STATE OIL & GAS MUSEUM

BATON ROUGE, LA -- Secretary of State W. Fox McKeithen announces that the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce will donate a 50-year-old time capsule to The Louisiana State Oil & Gas Museum in Oil City, La.

The capsule will be opened on Monday, March 28, 2005 during a news conference at 10 a.m. at the Oil & Gas Monument site at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds in the zoo area.

In 1955, the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce's Oil & Gas Committee placed a monument and time capsule at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds commemorating the 50th anniversary of the discovery of oil in Caddo Parish. Historical data was collected and deposited in a copper box at the foot of the monument. Encrypted on the monument were instructions that the box be opened on March 28, 2005, the 100th anniversary of the discovery of oil and completion of the first oil well in Caddo Parish.

The Louisiana State Oil & Gas Museum, housed in a 12,000-square-foot facility, features some of the newest exhibits in the state, including a wooden oil derrick and the Caddo Indian exhibit. In addition to these exhibits, the museum also features three boomtown buildings and various outdoor displays. The original museum was housed in the city's old railroad depot, which was donated by the Kansas City Southern Railroad. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information regarding the museum, please call 318-995-6845.

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